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Interview Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Thanh K. Truong

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Jeong Lee. (3)_____.

(2) Thanh K. Truong. (4)_____.

Date of Interview: 03 October 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: N/A.

Identification of prior art discussed: Geyssel (4,584,046).

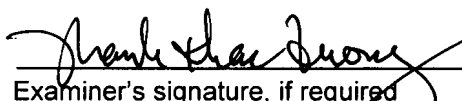
Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

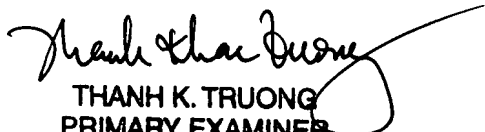
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Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant pointed out the different between Geysel and the present claimed invention. Particularly, Fig. 1 of the present claimed invention shows that the drinking straw transfer unit (drum) is positioned above the bag and thus above the conveyor belt at an acute angle. The examiner maintains that Geysel clearly anticipates the claimed invention as recited in claims (7-14), and the examiner also pointed out that Geysel clearly discloses that the drinking straw transfer unit is fully capable of rotating at any desired angular position with respect to the conveyor surface to transfer the straw onto the container such as the bag as recited in the applicant's claimed invention.

Applicant considers filing an RCE in which structure limitations of the straw transfer mechanism maybe added to overcome the reference of Geysel..


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